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Commissioner for Patents **BOX PATENT APPLICATION** Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL FOR A NEWLY EXECUTED ORIGINAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) for:

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For: INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS AND INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD, AND INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM

- 1. This is a new [X] Utility [] Design [] Plant patent application.
- 2. The papers enclosed to obtain a filing date are as follows:
 - Pages of Specification including 73_
 - _0_ Title Page
 - 12_ Pages of Claims
 - Page of Abstract _1_
 - <u>16</u> Sheets of drawings containing 21 Figures
 - The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a [] PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)
- 3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
 - [X] Enclosed and is executed by the inventors.
 - [] Not Enclosed.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f). Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fees.

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4.	Lang [X] []	English Non-English This application of the MPEP. A	is being filed in accordance with pplicant(s) await notification from set for filing the verified Englis	n the Patent and Trademark		
5.	Assig	Assignment				
	[X]	[X] An assignment of the invention to <u>PIONEER CORPORATION</u> and a PTO Form-1595, Recordation Form Cover Sheet, are enclosed.				
	[]	An assignment w	ill be filed at a later date.			
6.	ıntern	ty - foreign applica ational applications he U.S.	tions under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d s under 35 U.S.C. §365(a) design	l) or §365(b) or PCT lating at least one country other		
	[X] Pı	riority of the follow	ing foreign application is claime	d:		
<u> </u>	Country		Application No.	Filed		
	Japan		2000-193401	June 27, 2000		
	Certifi	ied copy: [X] is atta	ached. [] will follow.			
7.	Priorit	y based on provision	onal application(s) - 35 U.S.C. §1	1 19(e)		

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[] Priority of	of the following pro-	ovisional applic	cation(s) is claimed:
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[]	Amend	the specification	by inserting before the first line the sentence:	
	"This application claims priority of copending provisional application(s)			
	No	filed on	"	

8. Small entity status

- [] A statement claiming small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- 9. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION				
	Number Filed	Number Extra	at Rate of	Basic Fee Utility \$710.00 Design \$320.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	26 - 20 =	6	\$ 18.00 each=	108.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	9 - 3=	6	\$ 80.00 each=	\$480.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. §1.16(d)) \$270.00			+	
			SUB-TOTAL =	1338.00
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity -\$			-\$	
TOTAL FILING FEE =			1338.00	

10. Fee Payment

[] Not Enclosed. NO FEE IS BEING PAID BY CHECK OR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT THIS TIME.

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[X] Enclosed.

A check in the amount of 1338.00 representing the basic filing fee of \$710.00, additional claims fee \$108.00, addition independent claim fees of \$480.00 and an assignment recording fee of \$40.00.

- 11. [X] Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).
- 12. Additional papers enclosed:

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- [] Information Disclosure Statement
- [] Form PTO-1449, ____ document included
- [] Declaration of Biological Deposit
- [] Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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